

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2024	12/12/2023	

Rule Change Intent

Moving "Blatant disobedience including bucking, rearing, striking, kicking" to an Elimination penalty rather than on the fault list for Western Dressage Seat Equitation on the Rail, Western Dressage Seat Horsemanship, and Western Dressage Seat Combined Equitation. For Western Dressage tests, blatant disobedience is an elimination and there is a feeling that this should be consistent throughout the classes offered.

Reasoning: Equitation and Horsemanship classes are primarily filled with a higher percentage of older beginners, amateurs, and juniors, who want their equitation assessed. This suggested change would be more consistent, and safety minded, to have this listed as a clear elimination.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions

SUBCHAPTER WD-7 COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

WD128 Elimination

1. Horse and rider combinations shall be eliminated from the competition for "a, f and i" below; horse and rider combination shall be eliminated from the current or next class depending on which is closest to the time the incident occurred for all others, under the following circumstances:
(...)
 - b. Blatant disobedience (bucking, rearing, striking, etc.) while riding ~~a test~~ **in any class**.

SUBCHAPTER WD-12 WESTERN DRESSAGE SEAT EQUITATION

WD144 Western Dressage Seat Equitation on the Rail Class Specifications

(...)

5. Scoring:

(...)

b. Faults include:

~~10. Blatant disobedience including kicking, bucking or rearing~~

c. Eliminations include:

1. Misrepresentation of entry or inappropriate entry
2. Failure to display correct number
3. Cruelty including excessive spurring or schooling
4. Fall of horse or rider
5. Prohibited equipment
6. Prohibited use of hands on reins per WD121
7. Horse's tongue tied down
8. Unauthorized assistance
9. All four hooves leave arena
10. Evidence of blood on horse
11. Lameness
12. Concern for the safety of rider, other participants, or their horses
- 13. Blatant disobedience (bucking, rearing, striking, etc.)**

WD145 Western Dressage Seat Horsemanship Class Specifications

(...)

5. Scoring:

(...)

c. Faults include:

(...)

~~11. Blatant disobedience including kicking, bucking or rearing~~

d. Eliminations include:

1. Off course (impossible to discern whether the entry is using the correct pattern)
2. Misrepresentation of entry or inappropriate entry
3. Failure to display correct number
4. Cruelty including excessive spurring or schooling
5. Fall of horse or rider

- 6. Prohibited equipment
- 7. Prohibited use of hands on reins per WD121
- 8. Horse's tongue tied down
- 9. Unauthorized assistance
- 10. All four hooves leave arena
- 11. Evidence of blood on horse
- 12. Lameness
- 13. Concern for the safety of rider, other participants or their horses.
- 14. Blatant disobedience (bucking, rearing, striking, etc.)**

WD146 Western Dressage Seat Combined Equitation

(...)

6. Scoring: The rail work is to count 50% and the pattern 50%.

(...)

c. Faults include:

(...)

~~11. Blatant disobedience including kicking, bucking or rearing~~

d. Eliminations include:

- 1. Off course (impossible to discern whether the entry is using the correct pattern)
- 2. Misrepresentation of entry or inappropriate entry
- 3. Failure to display correct number
- 4. Cruelty including excessive spurring or schooling
- 5. Fall of horse or rider
- 6. Prohibited equipment
- 7. Prohibited use of hands on reins per WD121
- 8. Horse's tongue tied down
- 9. Unauthorized assistance
- 10. All four hooves leave arena
- 11. Evidence of blood on horse
- 12. Lameness
- 13. Concern for the safety of rider, other participants or their horses
- 14. Blatant disobedience (bucking, rearing, striking, etc.)**